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Two events this weekend at the First Congregational

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Flier for SoulCollage® Workshop at Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church

An author reads from his new book, and SoulCollage®, a spiritual art project.

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On Friday, Nov. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in-person and live-streamed. A unique and moving event, featuring critically acclaimed author, Stephen P. Kiernan. After last year's triumphant reading from "Universe of Two," Kiernan returns to Winchester to celebrate the release of his newest book, "The Glass Chateau."

From the author of "The Curiosity" and "The Baker's Secret" comes a novel inspired by the life of Marc Chagall – a gripping tale of hope, healing, and the redemptive power of art, set against the turmoil of post-World War II France.

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Synopsis: Even as the people of France celebrate the end of World War II, they are overwhelmed by the recovery work that lies ahead. Asher lost his family during the war. Burdened by grief and guilt, he wanders the blasted countryside aimlessly. When he arrives at Le Château Guerin, Asher is welcomed into a community of wounded souls who are recovering by learning how to turn sand into glass, and glass into windows for the bombed-out cathedrals of France. As Asher finds solace in glassmaking, he discovers he has a genuine talent for it.

Books will be available to purchase from Winchester's own independent book store, Book Ends.

On Saturday, Nov. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in-person "Introduction to **SoulCollage®"**

Dream. Imagine. Create

WINCHESTER, MA: Live in-person from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester. Jane Ring Frank, certi

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SoulCollage® facilitator, will offer an introduction workshop to this deep, spiritual practice on Saturday, November 4, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

SoulCollage® is a collage process for accessing your intuitive wisdom. Even though this is an "art project," it is accessible, and anyone can do it. You don't need to be an artist to create beautiful SoulCollage® cards with rich meaning and messages for your life. The practice was created by Seena Frost, M. Div., M.A in the late 1990s as she was working with clients in California.

All materials and direction are included to inspire your creative journey. Using scissors, glue, images, photos, and 8" X 5" mat board, you will be led on a path of self-discovery. We are all born creative and spend our adult lives separating ourselves from that natural spark. **No art experience necessary.**

"The image is a midwife that allows inner experience to be birthed into conscious expression."

(Matthew Fox)

SoulCollage® is an embodied mindfulness practice. It offers an oasis of images that call you back home to your inner world through your senses. It offers grace-filled space to fuel your own forgotten flow of calm and creativity.

You must register to attend. To register for the workshop, **please contact Jane Ring Frank at 857-919-0983 or at jringfrank@gmail.com.** Although there is no charge for the workshop, a freewill offering will be taken. All materials, snacks, and drinks are included.

Love and imagination are magicians who create an image of the Belo
mind

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With which you share your secret intimate moments.

This apparition is made of nothing at all, but from its mouth comes the question,

- Am I not your Loved One?'

and from you the soft reply 'Yes. Yes. Yes.' (Rumi)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Ripley Chapel can be found at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St. The entry to the building is located on the Vine Street side of the church. Please use the accessible ramp entrance, and Ripley Chapel will be directly to your right as you enter the building.

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Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence hosting 23rd Trivia Bee

Winchester’s brightest fifth graders and adults will gather soon to compete in a fierce trivia competition that will raise money for Winchester schools. The Winchester Foundation for Educational Excellence (WFEE), a nonprofit that provides grants for Winchester’s public schools, will host its 23rd annual trivia bee March 11

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Winchester School Committee candidates bring contrasting backgrounds to Thursday forum

Two candidates for Winchester's School Committee will face voters at a forum as the district navigates a new literacy curriculum, budget pressures and questions about student mental health. Heather von Mering and John Bellaire are competing for an open seat on the School Committee, which oversees a budget von

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